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Honorable Robyn F. Tarnofsky United States Magistrate Judge United States District Court Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street, Room 703 New York, NY 10007 Application granted.

Date: 6/13/2024

New York, NY

SO ORDERED

ROBYN F. TARNOFSKY UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Re: Parker v. Bursor, 24-cv-245 (JGLC) (RFT)

**Letter-Motion to Approve Proposed Protective Order** 

Dear Magistrate Judge Tarnofsky:

This Firm, along with Judd Burstein, P.C., represents Defendants Scott Bursor and Bursor & Fisher, P.A. (collectively, "Defendants") in the above-referenced matter. We submit this lettermotion pursuant to paragraph II(D) of Your Honor's Individual Practices in Civil Cases, and on behalf of and with the consent of Plaintiff's counsel, to request that Your Honor approve and enter the parties' attached Confidentiality Stipulation and Proposed Protective Order, which contains slight additions to the Court's form Order.

As shown in the attached redline, the parties' proposed additions to the Confidentiality Stipulation and Proposed Protective Order are all contained in paragraphs 4 and 8. Paragraph 4 lists the categories of individuals to whom documents designated as "CONFIDENTIAL" may be disclosed. Specifically, the parties have added the word "investigators" in paragraph 4.c, and have added new sub-paragraphs d and e, allowing "CONFIDENTIAL" documents to be disclosed to (d) trial and deposition witnesses during the course of their examinations and (e) any other person agreed to by the parties in writing. These additions reflect the fact that confidential documents may need to be disclosed to deposition and trial witnesses as part of discovery, and that changing circumstances or additional information learned during discovery may warrant an expansion of the categories of persons who may view confidential information produced during discovery provided all parties agree.

Paragraph 8 adds sentences (a) stating that neither Federal Rule of Evidence 502(b) nor the common law regarding waiver of privilege shall have any application to any party's claim of production of privileged documents, ESI or information, and (b) setting forth a mechanism for addressing claims of privilege as to documents and ESI that are produced in discovery. The purpose of these additions are to provide maximum protection to the parties against any waiver of attorney-client privilege, whether inadvertent or otherwise.

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Accordingly, the parties respectfully request that Court approve and enter the parties' attached Confidentiality Stipulation and Proposed Protective Order.

We thank the Court for its attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Chrsistine A. Amalfe

Christine A. Amalfe

cc: All counsel of record (via ECF)

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ANGELICA PARKER,

Civil Action No.: 1:24-cv-0245 (JGLC) (RFT)

Plaintiff,

- against -

SCOTT BURSOR and BURSOR & FISHER, P.A.,

Defendants.

**CONFIDENTIALITY STIPULATION AND** PROPOSED PROTECTIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, the parties having agreed to the following terms of confidentiality, and the Court having found that good cause exists for the issuance of an appropriately tailored confidentiality order pursuant to Rule 26(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, it is hereby ORDERED that the following restrictions and procedures shall apply to the information and documents exchanged by the parties in connection with the pre-trial phase of this action:

- 1. Counsel for any party may designate any document or information, in whole or in part, as confidential if counsel determines, in good faith, that such designation is necessary to protect the interests of the client in information that is proprietary, a trade secret, or otherwise sensitive non-public information ("Confidential Information"). Information and documents designated by a party as confidential will be stamped "CONFIDENTIAL."
- 2. The Confidential Information disclosed will be held and used by the person receiving such information solely for use in connection with the action.
- 3. In the event a party challenges another party's designation of confidentiality, counsel shall make a good faith effort to resolve the dispute, and in the absence of a resolution, the challenging party may seek resolution by the Court. Nothing in this Protective Order constitutes an admission by any party that Confidential Information disclosed in this case is relevant or

admissible. Each party reserves the right to object to the use or admissibility of the Confidential Information.

- 4. Documents designated as "CONFIDENTIAL" shall not be disclosed to any person, except:
  - a. The requesting party and counsel, including in-house counsel;
- b. Employees of such counsel assigned to and necessary to assist in the litigation;
- c. Consultants, investigators, or experts assisting in the prosecution or defense of the matter, to the extent deemed necessary by counsel;
- d. Trial and deposition witnesses during the course of the examination of such witness, to the extent deemed necessary by counsel conducting such examination;
  - e. Any other person agreed to by the parties in writing; and
- f. The Court (including the mediator, or other person having access to any Confidential Information by virtue of his or her position with the Court). The parties should meet and confer if any production requires a designation of "For Attorneys' or Experts' Eyes Only."
- 5. Prior to disclosing or displaying the Confidential Information to any person, counsel must:
- a. Inform the person of the confidential nature of the information or documents;
- b. Inform the person that this Court has enjoined the use of the information or documents by him/her for any purpose other than this litigation and has enjoined the disclosure of the information or documents to any other person; and

- c. Require each such person to sign an agreement to be bound by this Order in the form attached as Exhibit A.
- 6. The disclosure of a document or information without designating it as "CONFIDENTIAL" shall not constitute a waiver of the right to designate such document or information as Confidential Information. If so designated, the document or information shall thereafter be treated as Confidential Information subject to all the terms of this Stipulation and Order.
- 7. Any Personally Identifying Information ("PII") (e.g., social security numbers, financial account numbers, passwords and information that may be used for identity theft) exchanged in discovery shall be maintained by the receiving party in a manner that is secure, confidential and shared only with authorized individuals in a secure manner. Nothing herein shall preclude the producing party from asserting legal claims or constitute a waiver of legal rights and defenses in the event of litigation arising out of the receiving party's failure to appropriately protect PII from unauthorized disclosure.
- 8. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 502, the production of privileged or work product protected documents or communications, electronically stored information ("ESI") or information, whether inadvertent or otherwise, shall not constitute a waiver of the privilege or protection from discovery in this case or in any other federal or state proceeding. This Order shall be interpreted to provide the maximum protection allowed by Federal Rule of Evidence 502(d). The Parties expressly agree that neither 502(b) nor the common law regarding waiver of privilege through production shall have any application to any party's claim of production of privileged documents, ESI or information. Nothing contained herein is intended to or shall serve to limit a party's right to conduct a review of documents, ESI or information (including metadata) for

relevance, responsiveness and/or segregation of privileged and/or protected information before production. Any Party that discloses or produces a document or ESI that it considers privileged or otherwise protected from discovery will give written notice to the Receiving Party, identifying the document or ESI in question, the asserted privilege or protection, and the grounds therefor. Upon receipt of notice of the assertion of privilege or protection over produced documents or ESI, the receiving party will: (a) to whatever extent it contests the assertion of privilege or protection, promptly so notify the producing party, and maintain the contested documents and ESI in confidence pending resolution of the contest by the parties or the Court; and (b) to whatever extent the receiving party does not contest the assertion of privilege or protection, promptly return and certify in writing to the producing party that it has returned the applicable document(s) and/or ESI, and destroyed all copies of the same, and has made reasonably diligent efforts to identify and locate and destroy each copy thereof and all information derived therefrom. In the event of a contested assertion of privilege or protection over produced documents that cannot be resolved amicably after meeting and conferring in good faith, either party may bring the contest to the attention of the Court by motion.

- 9. Notwithstanding the designation of information as "CONFIDENTIAL" in discovery, there is no presumption that such information shall be filed with the Court under seal. For requests to file information under seal, the parties shall follow the individual rules of the judge for whom the information is being submitted, as well as Section 6 of the Court's ECF Rules & Instructions.
- 10. At the conclusion of litigation, Confidential Information and any copies thereof shall be promptly (and in no event later than 30 days after entry of final judgment no longer subject

to further appeal) returned to the producing party or, upon permission of the producing party, destroyed.

Nothing herein shall preclude the parties from disclosing material designated to be 11. Confidential Information if otherwise required by law or pursuant to a valid subpoena.

# SO STIPULATED AND AGREED.

Dated: June 12, 2024 New York, NY

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# **EXHIBIT A**

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ANGELICA PARKER,		Civil Action No.: 1:24-cv-0245 (JGLC) (RFT)
v.	Plaintiff,	NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT
SCOTT BURSOR and BURSOR & FISHER, P.A	٠.,	
	Defendants.	
I,		knowledge that I have read and understand the
Confidentiality Stipulation	and Protective	e Order in this action governing the non-disclosure of
those portions of discovery	y material that h	nave been designated as Confidential. I agree that I will
not disclose such material	l to anyone oth	er than for purposes of this litigation, and that at the
conclusion of the litigation	I will either re	turn all discovery material to the party or attorney from
whom I received it, or upo	on permission o	f the producing party, destroy such discovery material.
By acknowledging these o	bligations under	r the Confidentiality Stipulation and Protective Order, I
understand that I am subm	nitting myself to	the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for
the Southern District of N	ew York for the	e purpose of any issue or dispute arising hereunder and
that my willful violation o	f any term of th	ne Protective Order could subject me to punishment for
contempt of Court.		
Dated:, 20		
Name (printed)		Signature
Signed in the presence of:		
(Attorney)		

	Revisea December 04, 2023
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COUR	T

# ANGELICA PARKER. Plaintiff(s), - against Civ. Civil Action No.: 1:24-cv-0245 (JGLC) (RFT) CONFIDENTIALITY STIPULATION AND PROPOSED PROTECTIVE ORDER SCOTT BURSOR and BURSOR & FISHER, P.A.,

Defendants.

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- The Confidential Information disclosed will be held and used by the person receiving such information solely for use in connection with the action.

- 3. In the event a party challenges another party's designation of confidentiality, counsel shall make a good faith effort to resolve the dispute, and in the absence of a resolution, the challenging party may seek resolution by the Court. Nothing in this Protective Order constitutes an admission by any party that Confidential Information disclosed in this case is relevant or admissible. Each party reserves the right to object to the use or admissibility of the Confidential Information.
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  - The requesting party and counsel, including in-house counsel; a.
- b. Employees of such counsel assigned to and necessary to assist in the litigation;
- Consultants, investigators, or experts assisting in the prosecution or defense c. of the matter, to the extent deemed necessary by counsel; and
- Trial and deposition witnesses during the course of the examination of such witness, to the extent deemed necessary by counsel conducting such examination;
  - Any other person agreed to by the parties in writing; and
- the Court (including the mediator, or other person having access to any Confidential Information by virtue of his or her position with the Court). The parties should meet and confer if any production requires a designation of "For Attorneys' or Experts' Eyes Only."
- 5. Prior to disclosing or displaying the Confidential Information to any person, counsel must:
- Inform the person of the confidential nature of the information or a. documents;

- b. Inform the person that this Court has enjoined the use of the information or documents by him/her for any purpose other than this litigation and has enjoined the disclosure of the information or documents to any other person; and
- Require each such person to sign an agreement to be bound by this Order in c. the form attached as Exhibit A.
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- 8. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 502, the production of privileged or work product protected documents or communications, electronically stored information ("ESI") or information, whether inadvertent or otherwise, shall not constitute a waiver of the privilege or protection from discovery in this case or in any other federal or state proceeding. This Order shall be interpreted to provide the maximum protection allowed by Federal Rule of Evidence 502(d). The Parties expressly agree that neither 502(b) nor the common law regarding waiver of privilege

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### SO STIPULATED AND AGREED.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_June \_\_\_, 2024 New York, NY

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# **EXHIBIT A**

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